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SUBJECT: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING ON U.S. TRADE ACT

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1. REFTEL REPORTS ERRONEOUS AP STORY BY ARY MOLEON WHICH STATES THAT USDEL TO OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING HAD STATED QTE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT INTEND TO REQUEST CONGRESS TO MODIFY THE LAW TO ELIMINATE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WOULD BE GRANTED. UNQTE

2. AP STORY COMPLETELY INACCURATE AND THIS WAS POINTED OUT BY JOHN FORD AT OPENING OF OAS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 21. USDEL STATED THAT U.S. POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBLE INELIGIBILITY OF OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR BENEFICIARY STATUS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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PREFERENCES (GSP), WAS MOST RECENTLY STATED BY SECRETARY

KISSINGER ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE STATED "NOW, WITH RESPECT TO THE TARIFF PREFERENCES. MORE RESTRICTIONS WERE PUT ON THEM BY THE CONGRESS THAN WE THOUGHT WISE. AND SOME OF THE PENALTIES THAT WERE ATTACHED TO PARTICULAR GROUPINGS AFFECTED COUNTRIES LIKE ECUADOR, WHICH REALLY ARE MEMBERS OF THE OIL-PRODUCING CARTEL BY COURTESY ONLY, OR COUNTRIES

LIKE VENEZUELA, WITH WHICH WE HAVE A LONG TRADITION OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE SOLIDARITY. AND WE HAVE REGRETTED THESE PARTICULAR LIMITATIONS. . . WE HAVE INDICATED THAT AFTER WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT, WE WOULD BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESS THE SPECIAL INEQUITIES THAT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THIS LEGISLATION."
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